

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. The Office Action has been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 1-24 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Claims 1, 11, 15 and 25, have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph due to the phrase "such as". This phrase has been deleted from each of the claims, rendering this rejection moot. Withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

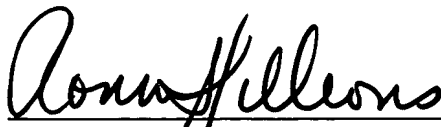
Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that as of the date of the Office Action, applicant had not filed a certified copy of the foreign priority application. The priority application was filed on September 10, 2004. The examiner is thanked for this assistance in calling this matter to the attention of the undersigned.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections of record. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 628-5197.

Respectfully submitted,

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